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STATINTL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Release of the Director's Speech at
Carlisle Barracks to the Media

Confirming my telephone conversation with you of yesterday afternoon, the Office of National Estimates recommends that the Director's speech not be released to newsmen for the following reasons:

1. It is questionable whether speeches made by the Director in a privileged environment should be made public.
2. The speech is not about intelligence per se, but about the milieu in which intelligence operates. As such, it has a policy tone, and perhaps even an implied policy content, e. g., a certain rather relaxed view of Soviet policy, and the characterization of Soviet-American relations as a search for communication and adjustment.
3. The inevitable vulgarization of the Director's remarks by the press will give trouble in particular places, as for example: (a) the assertion on page 10 that the West Germans have "recognized the reality of an East German state" (emphasis supplied); (b) the doubt raised on page 11 about how genuine and persistent recent Soviet policy will be; (c) the suggestion on page 13 that the Arab-Israeli

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quarrel is a side show and a change of government in Latin America a neighborhood fracas, and that these areas are peripheral to the main events.

Some of these objections might disappear if the speech were released as "background", depending on how that term is defined.



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